[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(2) whether the quantity of timber extracted during the last five years has increased, or decreased and, if so, in what proportion; and

(3) whether the net revenue from the sale of timber has been affected by the above two factors?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The percentage of increase in the tariff rates of timber has been below 50 per cent. in 32 cases, and above 50 per cent. in 30 cases.

(2) Compared with the figures of 1094, there was an increase in the quantity of timber extracted by the department during the years 1095 and 1096, while during 1097 and 1098 there was a decrease. A statement* showing the proportion of increase or decrease in the quantity of timber extracted during these years is laid on the table.

(3) No.

Damage to Chavara Canal by Motor Boats.

264. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the great damage done to the banks on either side of the Chavara canal by the action of the waves caused by motor and steam boats plying along the canal?

(*b*) Are they aware that considerable loss is being thereby caused to landholders year after year?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to take early steps to prevent the damage?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Some damage is reported to be caused.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) Government are unable to do so.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the Government will call for information on the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no objection to call for information.

MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know why Government are unable to take steps to prevent the damage?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because Government consider that land-holders should protect their own lands against damage.

* *Vide* appendix VII—page 923.

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